

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 248

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize DeAnthony Lawson,
2005 Valedictorian of Raleigh-Egypt High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, DeAnthony Lawson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Lawson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, DeAnthony Lawson has earned an exemplary 4.33 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing himself as a stellar scholar, Mr. Lawson is a valuable member of his school's cross country and track teams, and he has served astutely on the student council; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his affinity for hard work and his tremendous self-discipline, DeAnthony plans to continue his education at the University of Maryland this fall with an eye toward eventually becoming an anesthesiologist; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young gentleman has earned numerous accolades during his high school career, including selection as a National Student Scholar, National Math Scholar, and International Student Scholar and to *Who's Who Among American High School*

Students; he has also been named Outstanding Senior, a William H. Sweet honoree, and a Top Ten Senior; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Lawson is a member of the National Honor Society, Bridge Builders, Business Professionals of America, Mu Alpha Theta, and Pharaohs of the Future; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Mr. Lawson volunteers his time and considerable talents as a PIRL tutor and in support of Bridge Builders, Red Zone, and several other worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Alice Thompson and Eric Thompson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, DeAnthony Lawson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that DeAnthony Lawson, 2005 Raleigh-Egypt High School Valedictorian, is hereby honored and commended on his impressive academic achievement. We extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.